

**PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Takaaki SHIMADA et al.

Invention: DISPOSABLE PULL-ON UNDERGARMENT

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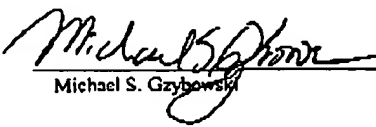
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to continuing the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1-3 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A disposable pull-on undergarment comprising:  
front and rear waist regions opposed to each other;

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